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## BOOK REVIEWS AND NOTICES.

The April number of the American Historical Review contains:

*The Recantations of the Early Lollards*, by Edward P. Cheyney;  
*Napoleon's Plans for a Colonial System*, by William M. Sloane;  
*Holmes vs. Walton: The New Jersey Precedent*, by Austin Scott;  
*The Search for the Venezuela-Guiana Boundary*, by Geo. L. Burr;  
and *The Siege of Charleston; Journal of Captain Peter Russell, 1780*.

The case of *Holmes vs. Walton* is believed by Mr. Scott to be the earliest case in which the doctrine now generally accepted in America of judicial guardianship of organic law is distinctly affirmed.

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Prof. F. L. Riley, of the University of Mississippi, has, in the Publication of the Historical Society of Mississippi for 1899, an interesting monograph, reviewing the scientific services of Sir William Dunbar, who settled in Mississippi in 1787, and of whom it is stated that he helped to survey the boundary between Louisiana and Mississippi; first directed the attention of the world to the manufacture of cotton-seed oil; made a critical scientific study of the Mississippi river and its Delta; and contributed much to the scientific knowledge of other subjects.

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The April number of the publications of the Southern History Association is especially rich in Texas matter. *Some Difficulties of a Texas Empresario*, by Lester G. Bugbee; and the *Texas Expedition Against Mier*, by Thomas J. Green, being two of its four articles. The *Personnel of the North Carolina Convention of 1788*, is of some importance, as one of the sources of the history of that state and of the United States.